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Kindly cancel claim 4.

5. (amended) A collagen material in which a biocompatible substance that can be degraded and absorbed in the body is filled into a non-woven fabric-like matrix [of a substance having biocompatibility that can be degraded and absorbed in the body] composed of that selected from the group consisting of polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, copolymer of glycolic acid and lactic acid, polydioxanone, copolymer of glycolic acid and trimethylene carbonate, and a mixture of polyglycolic acid and polylactic acid.

Kindly cancel claim 6.

In claim 9, line 1, please delete "claims 2 or 4" and insert therefore --claim 2--.

In claim 10, line 2, after "claims 3," please delete "4 and 6 to" and insert therefore --5, 7, or--.

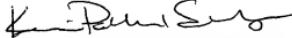
#### REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled and claims 1, 5, 9, and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. Basis for the amendments lies in the original specification of the application.

Early examination and allowance of the application are respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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